

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Corrections to establish by rule community service exchange program for person to enter into agreement with community-based organization to perform community service in lieu of payment for delinquent fees or debts and supervision fees.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Counties, Department of Corrections, Judicial Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

The measure directs the Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish a community service exchange program for individuals to perform community service in lieu of payment of delinquent fees or debts and supervision fees. The program is to be established by rule in consultation with the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Judicial Department, and community corrections agencies. The local supervising agency would determine that payment of fees impose a barrier to successful reentry and a community-based organization would supervise and record the community services performed.

The fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections is indeterminate. Currently, offenders on parole or post-prison supervision are required to pay a fixed fee to counties that is intended to cover the costs of an offender’s supervision. As an example, DOC manages community corrections for both Douglas and Linn County, at a cost of \$35 per month per offender. This generates revenue of approximately \$1.1 million Other Funds each biennium to pay for the costs of the program.

The impact to DOC for both revenue and expenditures would be dependent on the number of offenders eligible for the program. DOC notes that if individual counties are unable to collect fees to cover costs of the program, it may result in a loss of available services, or more counties could opt to have DOC operate their community corrections programs, which would require additional funding to DOC.

The impact to counties is indeterminate. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) has requested information from the Association of Oregon Counties but has not yet received a response. If additional information is received, LFO will issue a revised fiscal impact statement.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Judicial Department and no fiscal impact to the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision as a result of this measure.